

AMERICAN SPORT CHAMPIONS WHO MADE RECORDS IN 1921



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THE year 1921 saw more than the rehabilitation of world sport after the war. It saw international competition reach a new high level—saw American representatives gain greater glory than ever before. It saw bearers of the Stars and Stripes win new titles and defend old ones with marked success.

The international polo trophy, which was carried away to England by the British four in 1914, was brought back to this country through the medium of a startling success. The Yankee team went into the test second choice, but it scored a hollow victory. In lawn tennis Americans enjoyed unprecedented success. They defended the Davis Cup against a record field, and retained it. William T. Tilden defended the world's title successfully, both here and abroad, while Mrs. Franklin Mallory gained world laurels among women with her triumph over Miss Suzanne Lengien. Tilden also took over the world's hard court title.

In boxing America retained its supreme position with several remarkable victories. Foremost, of course, was the decisive triumph which Jack Dempsey scored over Georges Carpentier. Pete Herman knocked out Jimmy Wilde, Frank Moran stopped Joe Beckett, heavyweight champion of England, and Kid Lewis knocked out both Johnny Basham and Boy McCormick, a couple of British title holders.

In golf Jock Hutchison, representing the United States, won the British open championship, while Miss Cecil Leitch, best of the English women golfers, failed in her attempt to take over the American title as well. In swimming Miss Ethelda Bleibrey and Norman Ross continued to lead the world. Miss Bleibrey set some astonishing records in Australia.

Eduard Moremans of Belgium and Roger Conti of France attempted to wrest Willie Hoppe's billiard title from him, but both failed. However, the title did go from the old champion to young Jake Schaefer. In fencing the American team beat the British competition recently. In track and field sport Harvard and Yale won over the combined Oxford-Cambridge squad, and the French relay team was no match for Yankee college fours at the Pennsylvania relay meet.

America defended the international motor boat trophy with a sensational feature in the form of the attainment of eighty miles an hour by the Miss America II.

1921 American Champions

AUTOMOBILING—Tommy Milton.

AVIATION—Altitude—John A. Macready. Speed—Bert Acosta.

SENIOR OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD—100 Yards—Charles Paddock, Los Angeles A. C. 220 Yards—Charles Paddock, Los Angeles A. C. 440 Yards—W. E. Stevenson, New York A. C. 880 Yards—A. Helfrich, New York A. C. One Mile—J. W. Ray, Illinois A. C. Five Miles—R. E. Johnston, Edgar Thomson Steel A. A. Three Mile Walk—William Plant, Morningglade A. C. 120 Yard Hurdles—Earl J. Thomson, Boston A. A. 250 Yard Hurdles—Earl J. Thomson, Boston A. A. 440 Yard Hurdles—A. Deach, Notre Dame University. Broad Jump—E. O. Gourd, Harvard University. High Jump—D. Y. Albert, Chicago A. A. Hop, Step and Jump—Kaufman Gelst, Ninety-second Street Y. M. H. A. Pole Vault—Ed Knourek, Illinois A. C. Putting Sixteen Pound Shot—Clarence Houser, Los Angeles A. C. Throwing Sixteen Pound Hammer—Pat Ryan, Loughlin Lyceum, New York. Throwing Discus—Gus Pope, Maline mah A. A. C. Throwing Javelin—Milton Angier, unattached, Chicago. Throwing Fifty-six Pound Weight—Pat McDonald, New York A. C.

FIVE RELAYS—440 Yards—New York A. C. (Wefers, Lovejoy, Ray and Farrell). 880 Yards—New York A. C. (Wefers, Lovejoy and Farrell). One Mile—New York A. C. (Wefers, Adams, Ray and Stevenson). Two Miles—New York A. C. (Sellers, Courage, Irish and Helfrich). All Around—S. Harrison Thomson, Los Angeles A. C. Ten Mile Run—R. E. Johnston, Edgar Thomson Steel A. A. Seven Mile Walk—William Plant, Morningglade A. C. (New York). Decathlon—Dan Shea, Pastime A. C. (New York). Pentathlon—E. O. Gourd, Harvard University. Two Mile Steeplechase—Mike Devaney, Millers A. A.

SENIOR INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD—Running Half Jump—R. W. Landon, Yale University. Putting Sixteen Pound Shot—P. J. McDonald, New York A. C. Standing Broad Jump—William I. Reed, Brown University. Sixty Yards—F. Ward Conway, Morningglade A. C. 100 Yards—S. Leale, Guaranty Club. 200 Yards—James J. O'Brien, Loughlin Lyceum. Seventy Yard Hurdles—Harold Barron, Penn State's College. 600 Yards—F. L. Murray, Princeton University. Two Miles—Max Bohland, unattached, New York. One Mile Walk—Richard P. Remer, American Walkers' Association. 1 1/2 Mile Medley—Columbia University (New York). Standing High Jump—Jed. Ems, New York A. C. Cross Country (Individual and Team)—R. E. Johnston, Edgar Thomson Steel A. A.; New York A. C. (team).

SENIOR OUTDOOR SWIMMING (MEN)—50 Yards—John Welsmuller, Illinois A. C. 100 Yards—Pua Kealoa, Hui Makani Club. 220 Yards—J. Welsmuller, Illinois A. C. 440 Yards—Ludy Langer, Hui Nalu Club. 880 Yards—Ludy Langer, Hui Nalu Club. Long Distance—J. W. Hall, Jr., Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. 220 Yards (Breast)—M. J. McDermott, Illinois A. C. 440 Yards (Breast)—E. D. Skelton, Illinois A. C. 150 Yards (Back)—Fancy Diving—Clarence Pinkston, Olympic Club. Plunge for Distance—Fred Schwedt, Detroit Y. M. C. A. 400 Yard Relay—Illinois A. C. (McGillivray, Heber, Wallen and Ross). Water Polo—Illinois A. C.

SENIOR INDOOR (WOMEN)—50 Yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association. 100 Yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association. 220 Yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association. 440 Yards—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association. One Mile—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association. Long Distance—Ethelda Bleibrey, Women's Swimming Association. 400 Yard Relay—Women's Swimming Association team. Plunge for Distance—Dorothy McWood, Detroit, unattached. 400 Yards—Women's Swimming Association (Boyle, Ederle, Walnwright and Lord).

BASKETBALL—Kansas City A. C. (Singer, Moberly, Berrian, De Banard, Saunders and Loubrey).

BASEBALL—American League Champions—New York Yankees. National League Champions—New York Giants. World Champions—New York Giants. Champion American League Batter—Harry Heilmann, Detroit. Champion National League Batter—Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis. Champion Home Run Hitter—Babe Ruth, Yankees. Champion National League Pitcher—Burleigh Grimes, Brooklyn. Champion American League Pitcher—Urban Fayer, Chicago.

BILLIARDS—Professional—Jacob Schaefer, Baltimore; John Layton, three cushions; Ralph Shoemaker, pocket billiards; three cushions, Earl Luckabaugh.

BOXING—Professional. Flyweight, 112 pounds—Johnny Buff, Jersey City. *Bantamweight, 118 pounds—Johnny Buff, Jersey City. Featherweight, 126 pounds—Johnny Kilbane, Cleveland, Ohio. *Lightweight, 135 pounds—Benny Leonard, New York. *Welterweight, 147 pounds—Jack Britton, New York. *Middleweight, 160 pounds—Johnny Wilson, Boston, Mass. Light Heavy-

BASEBALL

The year 1921 was another of marked baseball prosperity. Times were none too good and the attendance in the major leagues at least, was not as large as in 1920, the biggest year in the game's history. Yet 1921 was an exceptionally prosperous year. Exciting races in both the National and American leagues helped to make it so, and the natural and healthy growth of baseball interest as a national pastime and institution has reached such large and fixed proportions that patronage can be with certain fluctuations, counted on as permanently large.

The 1921 season in the big leagues was featured by the hard, plucky and successful pennant fights made by the two New York clubs, clubs which later met in the world series; by the presence of an alleged lively ball and by such extraordinarily long distance hitting that that hitting was attributed to the resiliency of the ball.

The season also was marked for a considerable part of it by pitching of a distinctly mediocre quality, which had as much to do with the harder hitting as any additional liveliness the baseball may have acquired incidental to its manufacture. The season turned out more heavy hitters and more base hits than any predecessor.

The National League race was won by the Giants, who wiped out a long and seemingly unsurmountable lead held by the Pittsburgh Pirates and made a wonderfully strong finish. It was a stern chase, however, and it wasn't until a week before the season was over that the Giants had their championship won. The Yankees in the American League were equally game and won their pennant after a nerve straining race with the Cleveland Indians all season. First one team then the other was in the lead, and in their last series with the champions the Yankees outgamed them and fixed themselves in first place. They were not deluged after that, though their pennant wasn't clinched until the day before the season ended.

The world's series, therefore, was played in New York, the second time in modern history for the teams of the same city to grapple in the classic. The other time was in 1906 when Chicago had a monopoly of the series. The Yankees won the first two games of the 1921 series. The Giants won the next two and made it even. The Yanks won the fifth and that was their last victory, for the Giants then took three straight and became world's champions.

There was no talk of a lively ball in this series. The pitching was extraordinarily good. Mays and Hoyt of the Yankees and Douglas, Nehf and Barnes of the Giants pitched brilliantly. The Giants won because they had three good pitchers to the Yankees' two. An unlooked for hero developed in the person of John Rawlings, the Giants' second baseman and just an ordinary player. Babe Ruth, suffering from a severe injury to his arm, did not play the full series and his absence handicapped the Yankees materially.

The leading pitcher of the American League was Carl Mays of the Yankees, the underhand wizard. Burleigh Grimes of the Brooklyn team led the National League pitchers. Frank Fries of the Giants was the best stealer of bases in the big leagues. The leading batters were Hornsby of St. Louis in the National League, and either Cobb or Heilmann of Detroit in the American.

Babe Ruth, the biggest single figure in the game, again did phenomenal slugging. The Yankee home run phenomenon exceeded his record performance of the year before. This year he made fifty-nine homers, five more than in 1920, and he added his sixtieth in the world's series. He made it off Phil Douglas.

BOXING

The events of the roped square during the last year were sensational. The chief event was the contest between Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, and Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, which Dempsey won by a knockout in the fourth round. The battle took place in Tex Rickard's arena, Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, and was witnessed by 50,000 persons, the largest crowd that ever attended a boxing match or any other sporting event in America.

The result of the bout showed conclusively that the Frenchman was completely outclassed by Dempsey, and while Carpentier made a courageous fight, he never had a chance.

The light heavyweight class is dormant. Harry Greb and Battling Levinsky both claiming the title. Greb is eager for a match with Levinsky, but the latter is backward.

Johnny Wilson's hold on the middleweight title is precarious, and yet he will probably be recognized as the holder till he meets some good man.

The bantam title has changed hands with great frequency. Lynch won the title by defeating all the best men in the world, but the New Orleans boys regained the honors in a return bout. Then Johnny Buff, who had gained the flyweight title of America by defeating all the best men in the class, fought Herman for the bantam honors and won in a fifteen round bout to a decision.

Deleful predictions to the effect that Gov. Miller intended to ask for the repeal of the Walker law were proved to be unfounded. The Governor made public announcement that he had no fault to find with the conduct of boxing under chairman William Muldoon of the Boxing Commission, and that he would sustain the commission in its efforts to raise the standard of the sport.

The plight of the International Sporting Club, which became known after the departure of W. A. Gavin, organizer of the club, caused an unpleasant sensation. As the result of an investigation of the club's affairs a number of prominent Wall Street financiers have come forward with an offer to put the club on a solid financial foundation.

BOXING

seen the American colors hoisted to the peak not only at home but abroad as well. Away back in 1904 Walter J. Travis scored a miraculous victory in the British amateur championship—miraculous for the fact that the success never has been duplicated by one of the "unpaid" and not until this year had been in any way approached in any other of the British championships by a player representing the United States. But this time, through Jock Hutchison, professional at the Glen View Club of Chicago, American golf was made supreme.

Hutchison had to play off a tie with Roger Wethered, the Oxford amateur, but the main thing is that he won and by his victory he brought the British open championship to the American continent for the first time in history. This, moreover, marked the second occasion on which the trophy had been carried out of Britain, Arnold Massy of France being the first to accomplish the feat several years ago.

Tom Kerrigan of Slwayno was third, and, therefore, winner of the second prize, while Walter Hagen and Jim Barnes also finished in the money, while the majority of the American entrants did well.

And while America was so singularly successful in the open championship, the 1920 British open title holder, James Braid, was slipped in the semi-final. Hunter went that far, being defeated by Robert A. Gardner of Onwentsia on the second last day of the championship play at the St. Louis Country Club. The following day Gardner lost

the thirty-six hole final to Jesse Guilford of the Woodland Golf Club, Boston, the margin in favor of the "Sledge Gun" being 7 up and 6 to play.

Equally successful were the women in repelling the invasion of their domain by Miss Cecil Leitch. In the British championship which she won, and again in Canada, Miss Leitch had beaten Miss Alexa Stirling, holder from 1916 until last October of the American women's championship. The British champion had also beaten Miss Marion Hollins at Turnberry, Scotland, but on the links of the Hollywood Golf Club at Deal, N. J., Miss Leitch was turned back by Mrs. F. C. Letts, Jr., of Chicago, Miss Hollins going through the meeting to defeat Miss Stirling in the thirty-six hole final and thereby to annex her first national crown. The margin in favor of Miss Hollins in the final was 5 up and 4 to play.

Racing had an exceptionally good year. The attendance wasn't quite as large as in 1920, but it was far above the average for the last decade. The caliber of the horses in all of the divisions was high class and several records, including two of Man o' War's classic marks, went by the boards.

On June 1, Audacious, carrying 113 pounds, and Mrs. Wilfrid Vian's elks ran a mile at Belmont Park and beat a small field, including Eternal, in the unprecedented time of 1:35 2-5, clipping one-fifth of a second from the track and American figures established by Man o' War in 1920.

A few days later Gealer, a crippled plater, came north and under the feathery impost of 24 pounds ran a mile and an eighth in the remarkable time of 1:49, setting a record for the track, America and the world. It was one-fifth of a second faster than the time made by Man o' War at Aqueduct the previous year.

The horse which stood out during the year was the two-year-old Morvick, belonging to Benjamin Block. This son of Runymede did everything that Man o' War did as a juvenile and a little more. He never was defeated and wound up the season by winning the \$55,000 Pimlico Futurity like a truly great horse. He met with interference and came from behind in that mile tent to win easily over a big field of the best juveniles in the country. Some veteran expert horse-

man called him another Man o' War, but he is not a sound horse and it would not be fair to the renowned son of Fair Play to proclaim him as great until he has finished his three-year-old racing season.

He was, though, the undisputed champion of his age. Miss Joy undoubtedly was the best juvenile filly.

What Morvick was among the juveniles Harry F. Sinclair's Grey Lag was among the three-year-olds. He was beaten several times during the season but time and again, especially in the Brooklyn Handicap, he showed he was in a class by himself among the horses of his age.

Old Exterminator retained his title as champion long distance horse of the country. He annexed half a dozen or more cups and demonstrated that he can travel over a long distance of ground better than any horse the American turf has had in more than a decade.

Yellow Hand was the king of the handicap division. He was beaten three times, but after he raced himself into his top form he beat all the best horses in training.

Earl Sande, Laverne Fator, Clarence Knauer, Clarence Turner and L. McAttee were the best jockeys.

Mrs. George W. Loft's Sweepmeet was the champion thoroughbred. He was beaten several times, but only when the weight packet on him weighed more than 160 pounds.

Four times the Los Angeles athlete was timed in 9 3-5 seconds for the 100 yard dash. Then the 220 yard record fell before his sensational speed; then the 100 meter record, 240 meter record, 300 meter record, and finally the 300 yard record. Other of Paddock's records that will go down as noteworthy performances because the International Athletic union does not recognize them as standard, were those for 90 yards, 110 yards, 120 yards, 150 yards and 200 yards.

About as startling a performance as any during the year, barring Paddock's consistent 9 3-5 for the century sprint, was that of 25 feet 3 inches by Edward Gourd of Harvard in the running broad jump. The old mark in this event had withstood assaults for many years and it had come to be regarded as one of the most likely to remain on the record books for some time to come.

The fifteen mile and the two hour walking records also fell during the year. William Plant, national champion, getting credit for the new marks. The quarter mile and half mile relay records were beaten by athletes of the New York Athletic Club, and the one mile record of 3 minutes 16 2-5 seconds established for the one mile relay by the team of the American League in Pennsylvania.

In whatever little international competition the year provided American athletes showed to advantage. The French relay team met defeat in the Penna relay in the spring, and in midsummer the combined track team of Oxford and Cambridge was outpointed by the Yale-Harvard squad at Cambridge.

An unusual amount of competition in intercollegiate, interclub and inter-school athletic circles indicated that the sport was thriving as in the days just preceding the war. Statistics proved that in no previous year have so many athletes participated in track and field competition.

The year was notable also for the reorganization of the American Olympic committee on a more workmanlike basis than ever before. Every year's sports organization has been given representation on the committee, which will now function continuously instead of every four years.